

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Call, don't click when requesting a Federally Mandated Credit Report

The Institute of Consumer Financial Education suggests that you call the toll free number, (877) 322-8228, rather than click for a free credit report from the AnnualCreditReport.com.

A new report shows that consumers may be better off calling for their federally mandated free credit report instead of going online because some 96 known imposter domains exist. Some 68 of the imposter domains belong to Experian, a credit bureau, and 68 other imposter sites belong to or are hosted at "pay per click" companies. Some 30 of the pay per click domains are live, and some are luring consumers to inappropriate and risky Web sites, such as Experian and other credit companies' commercial sites to cash

in on the credit bureaus' affiliate marketing programs. Additional issues were found at the official AnnualCreditReport.com site. The primary finding was that the credit bureaus are blurring the lines between what is free for consumer and what is available for a cost. For example, the TransUnion section automatically selects consumers to receive marketing information and have their information shared with affiliates and partners.

Experian and Equifax have potentially confusing menu navigation bars that do not clearly distinguish between the free areas of credit report access and the for-pay sections.

The ICFE offers several tips to consumers to help ensure

safety of their credit report. \* When phoning the toll free number for a free credit report, ask that only the last four digits of your SSN be displayed on the reports mailed to you.

\* If you call for your credit report or have it mailed to you, have it mailed to a secure mailbox.

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## "Renew Our Rivers" tops 4 million pounds of trash removed from waterways

With the help of Alabama Power employees, community volunteers and lake homeowners, the 12 spring Renew Our Rivers cleanups yielded 885,400 pounds of trash and household items removed from lakes and rivers all across Alabama. This brings the total to 4.28 million pounds of trash removed since 2000 in the nationally recognized Renew Our Rivers campaign.

"Reaching the four million pound mark is a testament to the unwavering commitment of thousands of volunteers across our state," said Alabama Power President and CEO Charles McCrary. "Our ultimate goal, of course, is to see a day when there is no longer a need for river cleanups."

At the beginning of the year, a goal was set to achieve "5 in '05" – the removal of 5 million pounds of garbage from our waterways by the end of 2005. Currently, Renew Our Rivers stretches across Alabama,

Georgia, Florida and Mississippi. Local cleanups are held on the Coosa, Upper Coosa in Georgia, Tallapoosa, Black Warrior and Mobile rivers.

"We continue to be amazed and appreciate the community and volunteer support for this project year after year," said Vice President of Environmental Affairs Willard Bowers. "This grassroots effort proves what can be done when everyone works together."

Renew Our Rivers cleanups are held annually in the spring and fall when homeowners and boat owner organizations, environmental and student groups, and civic clubs roll up their sleeves to take part in the community projects. Renew Our Rivers began in 2000 and has been expanded to more than 6,000 volunteers all over the state.

The first Renew Our Rivers cleanup took place in the spring of 2000 on Lake Neely Henry in

Gadsden. The cleanup was spearheaded by Alabama Power in cooperation with Keep America Beautiful. Since then, Renew Our Rivers has grown into the largest volunteer river cleanup in the Southeast.

The Renew Our Rivers project won Keep America Beautiful's national Litter Prevention Award. In addition, as part of this effort, Alabama Power was selected as Water Conservationist of the Year by the Alabama Wildlife Federation.

The Alabama Power Foundation awards \$1,000 grants to homeowner and boat owner associations to continue educating the community and students about litter prevention within the vicinity of Alabama Power lakes.

For more information about Renew Our Rivers and details about Alabama Power's environmental initiatives, please visit [www.alabamapower.com](http://www.alabamapower.com).

## UDC presents donation to First White House of the Confederacy in Montgomery



Shirley Edberg (left), chapter treasurer, presents check to First White House of the Confederacy Hostess, Eva Newman.

The goals of the UDC are historical, educational, benevolent, patriotic, and memorial. Each year the General E.W. Rucker Chapter selects activities to fulfill these goals. Some of the selected activities are short term and others last for the entire year.

In September it was brought to the attention of the members that there had been a budget cut in funding to the museums in Alabama, which includes the First White House of the Confederacy in Montgomery.

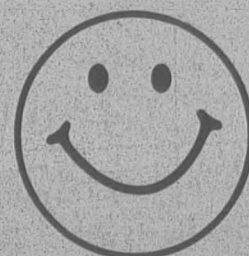
The chapter members desired to have a part in preserving the history of our state. The project "Pennies for Preservation" was initiated and at each meeting during the year, chapter members donated pennies or whatever monies they wished to give to this project. On June 30, two members of the chapter, Donna Clark and Shirley Edberg, toured the house and met with hostess and lecturer, Eva Newman to donate a check to the museum for \$120.

While in Montgomery, the ladies delivered 157 books to the VA Hospital. Collecting books for the House of Ruth, the domestic abuse center that serves this area. The chapter collected a large shopping bag of these individual size products to donate for the use of those who seek refuge at the center.

Welcoming new members is an on-going project. The

United Daughters of the Confederacy membership is open to women 16 years of age and older who are blood descendants, lineal or collateral, of men and women who served honorably in the Army, Navy, or Civil Service of the Confederate States of America, or gave Material Aid to the cause. Anyone seeking further information about the UDC may call Donna Clark at 897-2042.

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# The Elba Clipper

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## Elba survives Hurricane Dennis without major problems

by Linda Hodge, Editor

City of Elba officials feared the worst of Hurricane Dennis when they left work Friday afternoon, July 8, but hopes and prayers were answered Sunday afternoon, July 11, when the city was spared of any major damage from Dennis as it came ashore.

"The damage was very minimal," Elba Mayor James Grimes said. "We were very fortunate to not have more damage."

Grimes said the city had prepared for the worst but hoped for the best, and those hopes came true.

The mayor did say city officials chose to go ahead and turn off electricity Sunday afternoon around 1:30 p.m. after a tree fell on a line causing power outages.

Grimes said the biggest reason for shutting down the power was for the safety of the citizens. He said a downed power line with electricity is a very dangerous situation, and city officials did not want to take any chances with someone getting injured or worse.

Grimes said another reason for turning off electricity was to save the overall system in case of trees falling on the lines or other problems occurring

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## Coffee County Commission "thankful" following Hurricane Dennis

by Linda Hodge, Editor

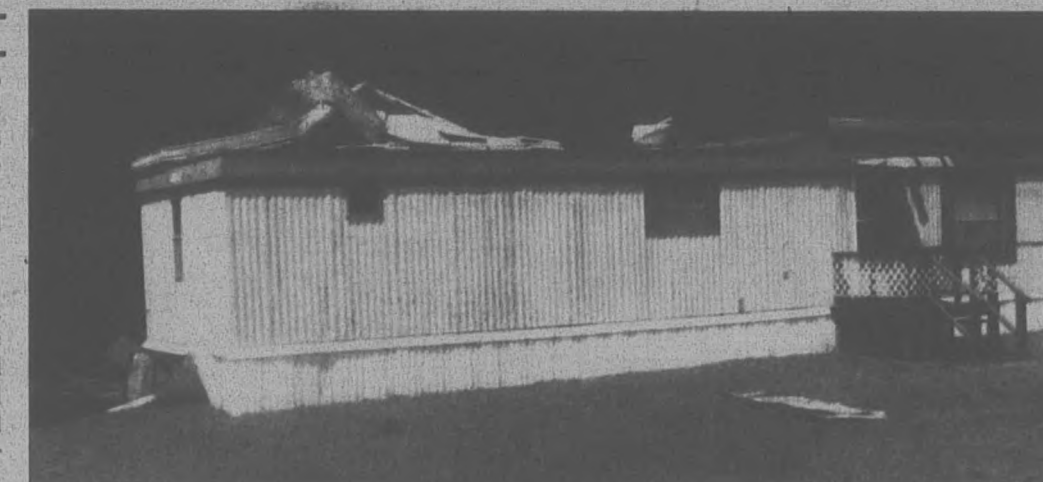
If one were to use one word to describe the attitude of Coffee County Commissioners Monday, July 11, during the group's regular monthly meeting that word most likely would be "thankful."

Commissioners were thankful the county, for the most part, was spared of major damage from Hurricane Dennis, and commissioners were thankful for the county employees and volunteers that worked together to keep conditions as safe as possible for the county and its residents.

John Tallas, director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, updated commissioners regarding the hurricane which affected the area for much of the day Sunday, July 10.

Tallas said he continues to be impressed by the way the people of Coffee County always seem to band together during a trying time. He said the old saying, "when the going gets tough, the tough get going," is a very good description of the people of Coffee County.

"What charges my battery



A quick glance through the county found very little structure damage associated with Hurricane Dennis. This mobile home, located on Highway 189 north of Elba, was among the few left with damage.

every day is the first responders and the people of Coffee County," he said.

Tallas said all Coffee County roads were officially closed at approximately 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon due to the weather conditions; however, he said county employees began surveying the roads for debris and damage as soon as the worst weather passed by the county, and the roads were reopened at approximately 9 p.m. Sunday night.

While the county EMA office and highway department were mentioned and thanked several times for the job they did during the storm, commission chairman Doug Dalrymple said the county's maintenance department and sheriff's department also was working. He said the commission appreciates all county employees.

Commissioner Robert Stephens thought it appropriate for commissioners to pass a resolution offering the commission's vote of confidence and faith towards

everyone that was involved in getting Coffee County through the storm and potentially dangerous event. His motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Upon the recommendation of county administrator Wilson Mobley, commissioners also voted to adopt a resolution declaring a state of emergency for Coffee County due to Hurricane Dennis. The motion was put in place just in case the federal government deems damage within the county severe enough to be declared a disaster area.

Charles Lott, chairman of the Coffee County Water Authority, addressed commissioners to give an update regarding the water authority.

A re-roofing project has been underway at Zion Chapel Schools recently. The roofs were damaged from last year's Hurricane Ivan and a hail storm earlier this year. Ingram said the work crew was on the next to last building in the re-roofing project as of Thursday of last

## County BOE accepts gym floor bids for Zion Chapel and Kinston

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The threat of Hurricane Dennis certainly impacted the thoughts of Coffee County Board of Education members last Thursday, July 7, when the board held its regular monthly meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said hopefully the roofs were secure at the county schools, but ongoing projects intensified concern.

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## Area Happenings

**WIREGRASS HOSPICE, INC.** of Coffee, Dale and Geneva counties will hold Thursday, July 19, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., a Volunteer Training. The training will take place at the Enterprise office at 551 Glover Avenue. Call Anita Cawley, volunteer coordinator, at 347-3353 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.) to sign up for the training class.

**ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME** will be supporting the Elba Project Gastric Bypass Support Group Meetings, every third Tuesday of each month. Meetings will start at 7 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room. For any questions concerning the Support Group Meetings, contact: Cindy Murphy, CDM, CFP at 334-897-2257 ext. 297 between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday.

Coffee County officials found many, many less downed trees following Hurricane Dennis last weekend compared to 10 months ago when Hurricane Ivan left a very noticeable destruction path.

## Efforts to find buyer for Dorsey Trailer plant are continuing

Efforts to find a buyer for the now closed Dorsey Trailer plant in Elba were given new life this week by the U. S. Bankruptcy Court in Montgomery.

At noon Tuesday the court agreed with a request by Dorsey management and the secured creditors committee to extend the deadline for finding a buyer.

Bids were opened last week in a process expected to attract a group of interested potential buyers. Reportedly only one bidder bid on the entire package and that offer was rejected as being too low.

Pitts Trailers entered a bid of less than two million dollars for the plant, inventory and other related assets. The company has

since increased that bid to about \$2.250,000.

Dorsey representatives said Tuesday afternoon from offices in California that they are working with potential buyers and are optimistic that an acceptable offer will be received by the August 16 deadline the bankruptcy judge has set.

At that time, if no buyer is approved, the court could order an open auction to sell the facility a piece at the time.

If Pitts Trailers is the ultimate high bidder for the property, people close to the matter expect the company to move swiftly to get the facility back in operation, building their line of over-the-road trailers.

## During Elba City Council meeting Police chief presents initial plans for Neighborhood Crime Watch program

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members signed in relief Monday night as Mayor James Grimes reported to them that Elba had escaped Hurricane Dennis with very little damage and no reported personal injuries to local citizens.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham expressed appreciation to the people of Elba for their patience with trash pick up, as a result of the storm. He also praised the efforts of employees, during and following the storm.

"They did a great job," Grantham added. He also reported that the Red Cross shelter, opened at the elementary school, worked very well last weekend.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey explained to the council the initial plans for Neighbor Crime Watch groups citywide. He said a meeting will be held Tuesday, July 26, and urged all members to be present and support this project.

Grimes reviewed the financial statement and noted income was higher than budgeted for the eight month period, but some expenses were also up. He singled out fuel costs and interest on borrowed money.

Monthly bills of \$178,054.11

County BOE accepts gym floor bids for Zion Chapel and Kinston week.

On a positive note, she said the shingles being placed on the roofs are 35-year shingles and hopefully would survive any bad weather Hurricane Dennis might send to Coffee County.

A renovation project at New Brockton High School also currently is underway, and board members hoped the storm would not create problems at that building.

During the meeting, board members approved bids for gym floors at Zion Chapel and Kinston Schools.

Covington Floors received the bids at \$72,234 to replace the gym floor at Zion Chapel and \$18,880 to sand and refinish the gym floor at Kinston. The gym floor at Zion Chapel was severely damaged during the hail storm earlier this year.

Board members approved a request from the superintendent to allow the school system to apply for federal funding. This request includes funds such as Title I, Title II, Title IV, Carl Perkins, funds for extended day programs, etc.

In the same request, board members also passed a resolution supporting an application for funds for a New Brockton Community Learning Center.

Ingram said the learning center conducted last year at Zion Chapel School proved to be very successful, and she links a program at New Brockton

would be beneficial to the students, parents and community.

Several personnel matters were approved by board members upon the recommendation of Ingram. They included:

- Accept the resignation of Lisa C. Duebelt, English teacher at Kinston School;
- Employ Karen Thornton as an English teacher at Kinston School;
- Employ Rachel Goad as a math teacher at New Brockton High School;
- Employ Paul Marsh as head basketball coach at New Brockton High School;
- Employ Paul Marsh as physical education teacher at New Brockton High School;
- Accept the resignation of Joni Smith as fifth grade teacher at Zion Chapel School;
- Employ Cheryl Grissett as a fourth grade teacher at Zion Chapel School;
- Accept the resignation of Donna Caldwell Baker as special education teacher at Zion Chapel School;
- Employ Amber Wilson Camley as special education teacher for grades kindergarten through 12th at Zion Chapel School.

- Employ Danny Barreto as band director at New Brockton High School;
- Employ Virginia McLeod as nurse at Zion Chapel School.

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

This is being written on Saturday, long before the storm got across the Gulf of Mexico. Modern machinery is great, but ours will not work without electricity and that stuff may be in short supply by Monday. Therefore the plan is to do as much as reasonably possible before the storm hits and have all sorts of options ready after the damage is done. Therefore if you are reading this, either the storm damage was not as bad as it could have been, or one or more of the options in place worked and the paper got printed. As chest thumping humans we would like to take the credit, but truthfully all the credit should go to our God.

Oh, how this world has gone off the deep end with politically correct speaking. It is reported that in Northern Ireland it is not politically correct for government employees to use "brainstorming." They are now having "thought-showers!" The reasoning is that such a word is demeaning to people with epilepsy, brain tumors or a brain injury. Of course no one wants to insult nor embarrass someone with a memory problem, but if brainstorming does that, it seems to us that any other word meaning the same thing would cause the identical insult. This column will continue to be BRAINSTORMS and hopefully the "thought-showers" surrounding it will become more productive.

On the positive side, humans only worry about such trivia things when they believe the big problems of the world are taken care of and their over active brains are searching for a new cause to champion. But then they could spend their precious time on earth helping a shut-in or just picking up the trash along the roadsides.

Following our comments last week about the time honored American tradition of complaining about nonconformers, our oldest son Chris e-mailed the following quote from George B. Shaw: "The reasonable man conforms himself to the ways of the world. The unreasonable man tries to get the world to conform to his ways. Progress depends on unreasonable men." This probably means society as it is known today was formed by those who bucked the system, regardless of how often the rest of the world complained around the coffee table about their unusual actions.

Before last week's paper got to our readers, the governor had confirmed the predictions quoted in this column about the special legislative session being "sometime after the middle of July." It yet remains to be seen exactly what items will be listed in the formal call for the special session. Strong supporters of various new or changed laws are almost positive Governor Riley will include their particular pet issue in the call. Now many of these things are important but history has shown that smart lawmakers can use a fight over one obscure bill to delay another issue from being debated. With a special session very limited in meeting days, such tactics over any one of these additional issues could again cause the General Fund budget to fall by the wayside. Therefore most of those close to the decision making are predicting a short list of items in the call. Of course any bill can be introduced in a special session, but getting it passed is much harder, takes a larger percentage of the votes, etc., if it is not in the original official call by the sitting governor.

Here it is Monday morning, the lights are on and the sun is shining. Oh, how thankful we are! Yet we feel for the many still without lights and that sweet a/c that keeps the building so cool and the same juice keeps the coffee so hot.

After the bad weather eased off Sunday afternoon, it was time to grab the camera and survey the damage. It was no surprise to find little serious damage in the Elba area. Picture taking then turned to recording the efforts of electrical crews working to restore electric power to normal levels. In conversation after some electricity began to flow again, these men expressed a goal of getting all the lights back on "very soon" and they did! Once again, Elba citizens owe these folks a hug or at least a "thank you" for their planning and fast, professional response.

Most of you remember our daughter was living in Atmore during Ivan and had a huge longleaf pine tree destroy their bedroom (plus to bed) and two other rooms across the back of the house. They rebuilt and sold that house before moving up the road to Brewton a couple of months ago. Well Brewton fared better than with Ivan, but apparently not so for Atmore. In fact that house Michele and Tom left took another hit... this time on a bedroom at the front of the house! Don't worry about advising the new owners to get rid of all those big old trees - the few that Ivan left, Dennis got.

Late Sunday night it was realized that some folks must have actually been disappointed the storm wasn't as bad as feared. That became apparent watching recaps of the weather on the cable. While an on-site reporter was drowning on about the winds, rain, and what it could have been, scrolling across the bottom of the screen was a report that part of a fence was blown down at a particular school in Florida. That earth shattering news sent a certain gray haired publisher to bed for some much needed sleep.

When the historians look back at the events following the horrible bombings in London last week the bottom line will show that the British people rallied and their resolve to stop terrorism just got stronger. In other words those nuts made a grave mistake in killing and wounding so many English civilians. We hope so anyway.

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## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 4, 2005, investigated the following incidents: three for theft of property, one possession of a controlled substance, one possession of drug paraphernalia, two for criminal trespassing, one leaving the scene of an accident, one found property, one rape, one criminal mischief, one domestic violence, one cat bite, one menacing, one burglary, one public intoxication and one disorderly conduct.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence, one for public intoxication and one for disorderly conduct. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for an expired tag, two for no insurance, three for speeding, one for not using a child restraint and one for no driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, JULY 4 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Jones Circle (4:09 a.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported at 1110 Hickman Ave. (5:43 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 221 Taylor Ave. (2:21 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at Court and Davis streets (2:44 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 430 Plant Ave. (9:36 p.m.); Disturbance (noise-fireworks) reported near 1015 Guyton St. (10:07 p.m.); Disturbance (noise-fireworks) reported at Burch's Trailer Court (11:04 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 5 - River stage - 9.95 feet (6:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Dr. Roberts Dr. (7:49 a.m.).

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Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1015 Farris St. (1:44 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 604 Kendrick St. (1:50 p.m.); Burglary reported at Fred's (8:06 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 853 County Rd. 427 (8:55 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 - River stage - 9.16 feet (7:18 a.m.).

THURSDAY, JULY 7 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 441 Plant Ave. (3:11 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 33584 Hwy. 87 (3:43 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at 1325 Highland Dr. (6:30 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1325 Highland Dr. (6:32 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 709 Smith Apt. (11:04 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JULY 10 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1212 Jones Circle (1:30 p.m.); Report of a gun being discharged at 126 Adkins St. (7:27 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 8 - Burglary



Daniel Senn killed this 5 ft rattlesnake Monday, July 11, in the drive of the home of Melinda Rogers on Highway 87, south of Elba.

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• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m. City Hall.

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

• CRIP SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-entr on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Sup. Office.

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month-7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 178 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.

• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.

• VETERANS - SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 1st Sat. 1 p.m. Club House.

• COFFEE - REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon- Colony Inn, Enterprise.

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon. Driscoll Hanger at the Airport.

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room.

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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## Obituary

ROY EDWARD JACKSON  
Mr. Roy Edward Jackson, age 89, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, July 7, 2005 at Elba Nursing Home in Elba, Ala.

Funeral services were held July 9, 2005 at Zion Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Jimmy Maddox and Rev. Kenneth Hagler officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. The Jackson family request contributions be made to the Zion Chapel Cemetery Fund.

Mr. Jackson was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Gertrude Jackson; mother, Ora Bell Jackson; father, James Henry Jackson; brother, Alton Jackson; sister, Irene Wilkes; and a grandson.

Survivors include one daughter: Judy Von Morgan, Elba; two sons: Tullis Edward (wife, Rebecca) Jackson, Troy, Ala.; Roy Ray (wife, Gale) Jackson, Enterprise, Ala.; one brother: James Jackson, Jack, Ala.; one sister: Mary Sunday; and five grandchildren.



STRONG WIND GUSTS caused by Hurricane Dennis kept this flag flying in The Peoples Bank parking lot Sunday afternoon, July 11, in Elba. The winds kept the flag extended for several hours during the afternoon and evening. While the winds and rain from Hurricane Dennis were tough at times, most people agreed the area was spared from the very severe weather predicted and expected for several days leading up to Sunday.

## STORM—

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from the weather. Transformers could blow or wires could short out and burn, and the mayor said all those things would have caused power to be out for longer periods of time.

Because officials decided to cut power Sunday afternoon when they began to notice problems, Grimes said the city was able to get power back to the citizens sooner rather than later.

He said the city's electric department was able to get everyone's power back on by approximately 10:30 p.m. Sunday night.

"Our employees responded very well," said Grimes. "They knew what to do and when to do it."

Meeting planned  
for Zoar Cemetery  
Association

The Zoar Cemetery Association has been meeting on Saturday before the 4th Sunday each July since 1988.

When first organized, each family with loved ones buried in Zoar Cemetery, had to maintain the grave sites themselves. Now people are responsible for cleaning the entire cemetery.

Those with family members and/or loved ones buried in Zoar Cemetery, are invited and encouraged to attend the annual meeting which will be held in the church at Zoar Cemetery on July 23rd at 10 a.m.

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## CCC

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Lott said the three contractors involved with Phase II of the water system expansion project have started work.

He said digging of the well is underway, and this well should allow pumping of 200 gallons of water per minute to meet the needs of customers. Lott said a bigger pump could be added in the future if a need is found.

Lott also said the water mains are being worked on, and the tank is being built. He said the tank will be painted red and silver in honor of Troy University.

Another tank already has been painted blue and orange.

Lott said bright spots with the authority's financial situation can be seen; however, those bright spots are in the future and not this year.

He said the authority's income should increase \$8,000-\$10,000 if everything goes well with Phase II of the expansion project while the expenses should not rise too much from the project.

Lott said the water authority should have a break even year this year.

Commissioner Tom Grimesley asked Lott if he thought the water authority would need the commission's help in making a January payment.

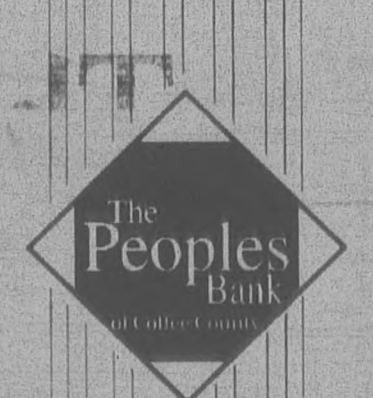
"As I said, we're looking at a break even year this time," Lott responded.

Also during Monday's commission meeting, David Eady addressed commissioners on behalf of the county's Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. He said the local agency will soon be serving the farm loan.

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# LIFESTYLES

## Dinner party in Knoxville honors Vaughan Boyd & Grant Lyons

Graceful old oak trees shaded the spacious back garden of B.J. and Nike Roberts' home in Knoxville where Vaughan Boyd and Grant Lyons were entertained on Saturday, June 18th.

Tables for fifty were decorated with colorful bouquets of snapdragons, hydrangeas, Gerber daisies, and lisianthus frosted with Queen Ann's lace. The same flowers were used in varied arrangements throughout the house.

Hot hors d'oeuvres and other appetizers were served in the sunroom as everyone gathered. Later in the evening an elaborate dinner was served from the dining room where the buffet held an assortment of tiered cakes presenting a variety of cheesecakes and other desserts.

A question and answer game

**Paul & Janet King  
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invite you to join them in celebrating  
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Harper Blount  
graduates from  
kindergarten recently

Harper Blount, daughter of Stephen and Tiffany Harper Blount, graduated from Tuscaloosa Academy Kindergarten on May 24, 2005. The program consisted of the Processional, Welcome, Address by Lower School Director, Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, Musical Presentation by the kindergarten graduates, Presentation of certificates and closing remarks by the headmaster.

Harper has attended Tuscaloosa Academy School for the past two years. She will enter first grade there in August 2005.

Grandparents of Elba are Gloria and John Harper.



Heather Baggett  
graduates from  
University of Alabama

Heather Baggett graduated from The University of Alabama on Saturday, May 7, 2005. Baggett, a 2001 graduate of Goshen High School, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism with a minor in Political Science.

Baggett is the daughter of Pat Baggett of Elba and Donnie Baggett of Glenwood. She is the granddaughter of Edwin and Chris Baggett of Glenwood and the late Iris Fuller of Brantley. Baggett plans to pursue a career in journalism at a weekly or small daily newspaper in the Southeast.

## Republican Women of Coffee County to meet

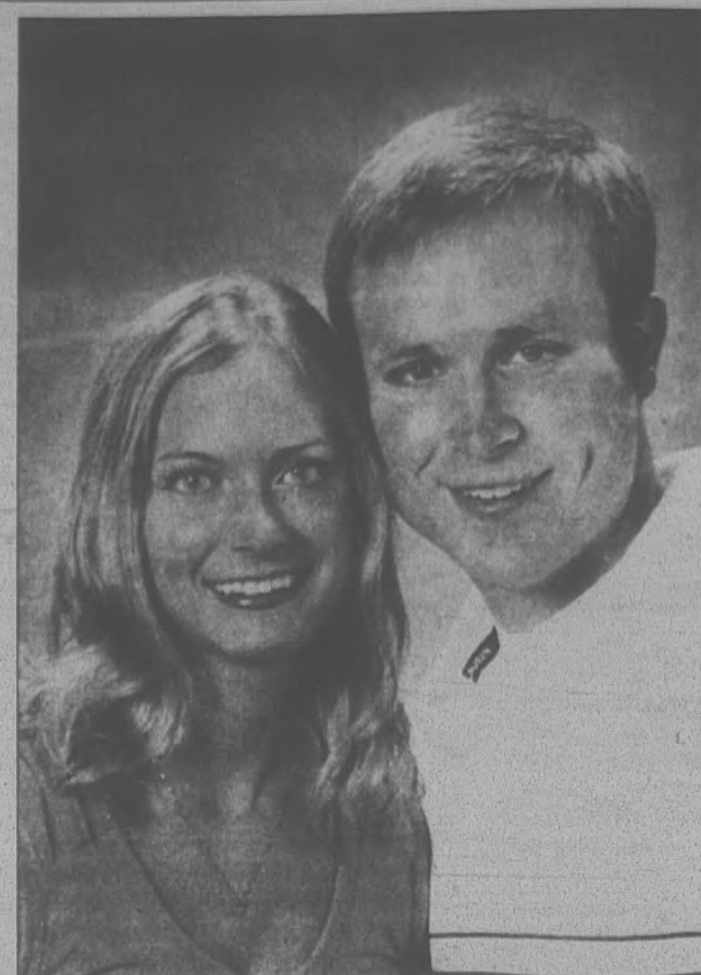
Republican Women Of Coffee County will be meeting at Po Folks Restaurant, 650 Boll Weevil Circle on Wednesday, July 20th at 11:30 AM for their luncheon meeting. The Alabama Federation of Republican Women's President, Rhonda Rutledge, will be speaking. Brennon Ellis will also be giving a report on Boy's State. The menu will be a buffet and drink for \$8.00 inclusive. The public is invited. For reservations call Fay McCrary at 393-0471.

## NEW ARRIVAL

KALI ANALISE BEARD



Kerry and Jill (Maddox) Beard announce the birth of their daughter, Kali Analise, born May 6, 2005 in Mobile. Kali weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big brothers, Tyler and Kade. Grandparents are Ms. Patricia G. Maddox of Mobile (formerly of Elba) and the late Mr. Jack C. Maddox, Dr. and Mrs. Bobby R. Beard of Jackson, Ala. and great-grandfather Milton Beard of Isney, Ala.



Miss Hanchey & Mr. Baker

## Miss Hanchey and Mr. Baker to marry in August ceremony

Steve and Lisa Duebelt of Andalusia and Freddy and Tina Hanchey of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Jodi Aryn Hanchey to Kenneth Justin Baker son of Roger and Linda Lee and Kenneth Baker all of Andalusia.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Alice Crowell and the late Bill Crowell of Andalusia and Mavis Hanchey and the late Clermon Hanchey of Elba. She is also the granddaughter of the late Ursula Piz of Cochise, Arizona, Walter and Paula Duebelt of Andalusia and Linda Herring of Elba. Her great grandparents are Myrtle Lee Kelley of Elba and Lessie Crowell of Andalusia.

Jodi is a graduate of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College and is currently enrolled at Troy University, pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She is employed in Andalusia. The prospective groom is the grandson of Betty Henderson and the late Desmond Henderson, Sara McLendon and the late Terrell McLendon, and Kenneth and Susie Baker all of Andalusia. He is employed in Fort Rucker as an aircraft mechanic.

The marriage will take place on Saturday, August 6, 2005, at three o'clock in the afternoon at Southside Baptist Church in Andalusia. Invitations will be sent, however all friends and family are invited to attend.

## Annual Mc/Collough/McCullough family reunion planned for Sunday, July 24th

The annual Mc/Collough/McCullough family reunion will be held Sunday, July 24, 2005, at the Enterprise Civic Center, Enterprise, AL. All direct and indirect descendants of Thomas (1844-1878) and Nancy (Allen) McCollough (1821-1907) of Coffee County, AL, family, and friends are invited to attend. The Cowpen Creek Band will provide entertainment at this year's reunion. Families may bring a covered dish which will be served at noon. Doors at the civic center will open at 10:00 AM for cash arrivals, and remain open until 3:00 PM. If you have any family historical data or old family

photos you'd like to share, please bring with you. We hope you join us for this annual family event. Further information may be obtained by contacting Junior McCollough at 334-347-6412 or Mrs. Judy McGhee at 334-393-4450.



Elsie Hilton instructs the young ladies on proper table settings.

## Manners Tea Party held June 23 in New Brockton

On Thursday evening, June 23, thirty-one young ladies, dressed elegantly in their Sunday best, enjoyed a Manners/Tea Party at the Community Room in New Brockton. The event was sponsored by the Wiregrass Herbal Society and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System Coffee County office.

Instructors Elsie Hilton, Wanda Shirley and Jamie Henagan graciously taught the young ladies about the origin of tea parties and proper table setting and manners, introductions, correspondence, telephone manners, Do's and Don'ts of proper etiquette and various other topics related to manners.

The Wiregrass Herbal Society furnished a variety of

tea party foods served on tables properly set with fine china, silverware, etc. Ladies from the Herb Society and Extension office served as waitresses.

A most delightful evening was enjoyed by the lovely young ladies with many requests to "Let's do it again real soon!"

# LIFESTYLES

## Mr. Powell and Miss Bass united in holy matrimony on Saturday, January 22nd

In a candlelight ceremony of tradition and elegance, Ashley Rena Bass and Paul Edwin Powell, Jr. were united in Christian marriage. Reverend Kenneth Odom officiated in the double ring ceremony at Bethany Baptist Church on Saturday, January, 22nd at 2 o'clock p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky B. Bass of Andalusia, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Canant and Mrs. Mildred Bass of Andalusia. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Powell, Sr. of Andalusia, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Bryan of Elba and great-grandson of Mrs. Lois Hudson of Elba.

Nuptial music was provided by pianist Mrs. Angie Sasser of Andalusia. The wedding was directed by Miss Shannon Lee.

White bows led up to the entrance of the church. The three double doors were adorned with large green wreaths accented with white bows. Miss Rachael Powell and Miss Rebecca Powell, cousins of the groom, presided at the registry table. A memory table was set up at the entrance of the sanctuary in honor of the bride's paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce J. Bass and the groom's paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. T. Ivey Powell. Guests were ushered in by Mr. Hunter Kinsaul, Mr. Brad Barnes, Mr. Jeffery Bass, and Mr. Jake Brown, cousins of the bride.

The sanctuary of the church was beautifully decorated using lighted pine trees and large ferns. Black iron candelabras displaying white pillar candles added the finishing touch. Family pews were marked with white bows.

Paul E. Powell Sr. and Nicholas Bass, brother of the bride, escorted the mothers of the bride and groom while entering and lighting the unity candles. "Only Time" by Enya was played while seating the mothers and grandmothers.

Mrs. Jan Kinsaul of Andalusia sang "Shine On Us", recorded by Phillips, Craig, and Dean, and Mr. Blaine Wilson of Andalusia sang "Look at You Girl", recorded by Chris Ledoux.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. John Reed Bates and the late Mr. Bates and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leard McKewen of Birmingham, AL. Miss McKewen is a 2003 graduate of The University of Alabama with a bachelor's degree in finance. She was a member of the Birmingham Debate Club and Kappa Delta. She was presented at the Beaux Arts Krewe Ball, the Ball of Roses and the Heritage Ball. She is employed in Birmingham, AL.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Randolph Lee of Hartford, AL and the late Mr. Jess Willard Bryan of Bellwood, AL, and the late Judge and Mrs. Ernie Freeman Paul of Elba, AL. Mr. Paul is a 2001 graduate of The University of Alabama with a bachelor's degree in finance and is a 2004 graduate of the University of Alabama Law School. He served as president of Sigma Nu fraternity and is employed with a law firm in Montgomery, AL.

The couple will exchange vows on August 13, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at Canterbury United Methodist Church.



Miss McDonald & Mr. Bowers

## Miss McDonald & Mr. Bowers to exchange vows Saturday, July 30th

Ms. Kathryn McDonald of Troy announces the engagement of her daughter, Kimberly Hope McDonald, of Elba, to Brenton Lee Bowers, of Elba, son of Tim and Debbie Bowers of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Clyde McDonald and Vallie Mitchell of Troy and the late Leona Sessions and Bennie Daniel of Georgia.

She is a 2004 graduate of Elba High School and is attending Enterprise-Ozark Community College and is employed in Enterprise, Ala.

The future bridegroom is the

## McKewen-Paul wedding planned for Saturday, August 13th



Miss Virginia Anne McKewen

July 15th is deadline for  
having \$100 P A CT  
application fee waived

Treasurer Kay Ivey has reminded Alabama families that Friday, July 15th is the deadline to have the \$100 Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (PACT) application fee waived. The PACT annual enrollment period is active now through the end of September.

"If you haven't written a check to a college or university for tuition in a while, you might experience sticker shock to find out how much it cost to send a child to college today," Ivey stated. "Waiving the application for families who enroll their children early gives them an added incentive to begin saving for college today."

Through the PACT program, a contract may be purchased to prepay 135 hours of college tuition and eight semesters of mandatory payments at any Alabama public college or university. PACT may also be used at private or out-of-state institutions based on a weighted average of state tuition costs. Flexible plans are available to pay for the contract that is priced according to the age of the student.

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Mr. & Mrs. Paul Edwin Powell, Jr.

son as best man. Groomsmen were Kevin Collins of Montgomery, AL, Clay Overstreet of Grove Hill, AL, Patrick Kennedy, Sr. of Alabaster, AL, all brothers-in-law of the groom, and Nicholas Bass of Andalusia, brother of the bride. Patrick Kennedy, Jr. of Alabaster, AL, nephew of the groom and Joel Bass of Andalusia, AL, nephew of the bride served as ring bearers.

The groom and groomsmen wore formal black tuxedos with matching platinum vests and neck ties. Boutonnieres featuring white roses were worn on their lapels. The mother of the bride chose a cream two-piece full-length dress with matching shoes. The mother of the groom wore a plum full-length dress with sheer-sleeved jacket accented with sequins and matching shoes.

The bride and groom chose this time to present gifts to the wedding party and close friends. Several guests gave toasts, comments and advice to the couple.

Rehearsal Dinner: On Friday evening, January 21 immediately after the wedding rehearsal, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Powell, Sr. entertained the wedding party at the Andalusia Country Club. A menu of Chicken Gordon bleu, rice pilaf, string beans, tossed salad, and rolls were served. Strawberry shortcake and chocolate mouse pie were served for dessert.

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Reception: Immediately following the wedding the couple was honored with a reception in the fellowship hall. The food tables were all covered with white linen cloths. The center of attention was the bride's cake topped with bride and groom.

The groom's table held a double layer chocolate cake decorated with various fruits and the initial "P". Pictures of the groom were displayed and bowls made from deer antlers overflowed with chocolate goodies for all the guests to enjoy.

Guests were served punch from a silver fountain, tea, and coffee. Guests also enjoyed barbeque pork, croissants, stuffed tomatoes, imported cheeses with crackers, vegetables, chicken strips, and the focal point of the food table was the large fruit arrangement. Throughout the reception hall, large circular tables draped with sage tablecloths were decorated with 3-branch iron candelabras intermingled with ivy and white roses. Cameras were placed at each table for guests to make pictures of each other for the couple to use in the wedding book. Also, small framed pictures of the bride and groom were displayed for the guests to take home in remembrance of their wedding day.

The couple's gift table was flanked by a large picture of the bride in her wedding gown. A slide show presentation of the bride and groom was prepared by Kevin and Paula Collins, sister and brother-in-law of the groom. The audience enjoyed over 200 musically choreographed pictures spanning the lives of the bride and groom.

Mrs. Ashley Moody of Auburn, AL and Miss Leslie Parker of Enterprise, AL served at the bride's table. Miss Betsy Prior of Tuscaloosa, AL and Mrs. Ashley Daniels of Destin, FL served at the groom's table. Miss Dina Colvin and Miss Mandi Clark, of Andalusia, assisted with the punch fountain.

and Mrs. Julie Wells. A miscellaneous shower was held at Enon Baptist Church in honor of the bride on Saturday, November 29th. Hostesses were the sisters of the groom, Mrs. Paula Collins, Mrs. Tracy Overstreet, and Mrs. Julie Kennedy.

An engagement party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Powell, Sr. in honor of the couple at their country home on Saturday night, November 29th. Barbeque, boiled shrimp, and all the trimmings were served. A large poster sized picture of the couple stood beside the beautiful cake and coffee table. Waller sized pictures of the couple along with the words "Thanks for celebrating with us tonight" was a token of the couple's appreciation for guests attending their engagement party. The tables were covered with green and white checked tablecloths. Mason jars filled with roasted peanuts and sunflowers lined the tables which had scattered peanuts for everyone to enjoy. Trees lining the drive to the party held mason jars with tea light candles. A lighted Christmas tree on the pier and Santa and his sleigh over the bridge added elegance to the party for the couple.

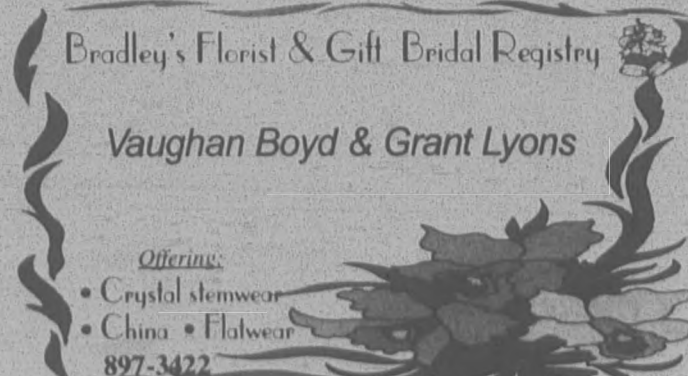
A luncheon was held at the Wall Street Café in Auburn, Alabama on Thursday, January 6th. This was given by the bride's colleagues of East Alabama Family and Children's Services.

The bride was honored with a bridal party on Friday, January 7th at Miss Leslie Parker's

## Annual Harris Reunion planned for Saturday, July 16th

The Annual Harris reunion will be held 11 a.m., July 16 at the Slocomb VFW. Lunch will be catered - \$5 for ten and under and \$10 for older than ten. Bring family photos (Coper will be available), genealogy information, and family mementos. Please send check for lunch reservations and numbers attending (eating or not eating) to Harris Reunion, Sue Ellison, 4546 N. County Rd. 49, Dothan, Ala. 36305. Additional information call 334-774-5609, 334-392-3964 or email Sarah Kelly at SaMaKelly@aol.com.

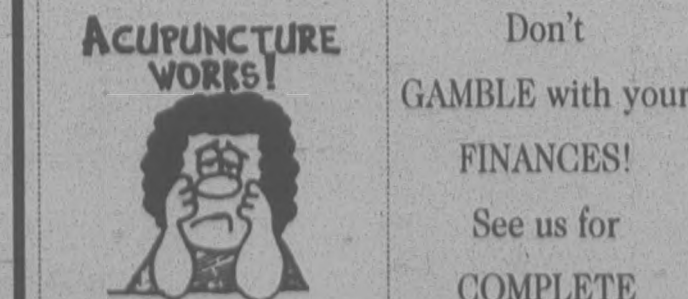
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# SPORTS

## Views From... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

After living through two devastating floods and a number of hurricanes you would think possible weather-related disasters would be old hat for the members of the Mularz family. However, when news of Hurricane Dennis broke last week the TV stayed tuned to the Weather Channel and every time Mom or one of the girls left the house they would come back with canned food, packaged food or candles. I guess since they all stayed calm and did make storm plans maybe they were veterans after all.

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* Back when junior varsity and varsity high school baseball players from across the county started to call the recreation department in late spring wanting to play summer ball the decision was made to field a team for boys ages 15-16 and enter the team in the Dixie Pre-Majors Baseball program. Almost twenty young men showed up for the first team meeting and sixteen were on hand for the opening game, while by the time the district tournament came along there were still thirteen players dressed out. The team, called "West Coffee," claimed three wins at district to bring home the tournament title and in doing so earned a spot in this weekend's state tournament in Thomasville. The name "West Coffee" was chosen because all the team's players were from the part of the county west of Enterprise, and the district championship win was truly due to the play of all the players from all across this part of the county!

Zion Chapel's Zach Stevens pitched a total of 12 innings in two games and allowed only eight hits and two earned runs to pick up two wins, while Elba's Stephen Driggers got the other win as he pitched seven innings and allowed only three earned runs on six hits. It was also a team effort at the plate as Elba's Chase Boutwell banged out seven hits, scored four runs and collected six rbi's, while Kinston's Aaron Jacobs added seven hits, scored three runs and knocked in five runs and New Brockton's Nathan Foster chipped in with six hits, scored five runs and drove in three runs. Zion Chapel's John Wayne Lambert added five hits, scored six runs and drew five walks, while lead-off hitter Don Rhoades, from Elba, reached base 11 times in 17 at-bats and had four hits, scored five runs, knocked in three runs and drew seven bases on balls and New Brockton's Shane Adkinson had five hits, scored five runs, knocked in three runs and pitched one game, allowing seven runs on just three hits.

I am sure the competition will get a lot tougher this weekend when the young men from West Coffee head to the state tournament. However, this team has proven once again that when this side of the county sticks together good things can happen!

\*\*\* The championship trophy brought home by West Coffee made the trophy case at the recreation center a little crowded with trophies won by the various baseball and softball teams this summer. The Dixie Pre-Majors and Dixie Boys baseball teams both brought back championship trophies, while over in softball the Dixie Ponytails, Dixie Belles and Dixie Debs all brought home second place trophies. With five trophies already in the case and three teams still playing it looks like this summer may very well be one of the best ever for our youth teams.

\*\*\* In closing... word out of Elba High continues to center around coaching changes, and while I guess nothing is official until it is formally announced, the changes continue to mount. Last week it was reported that head baseball coach Wynn Grimes had given up his duties and would take over the golf team, while former golf coach Susan Barnes would focus on her cheerleading and volleyball chores and new coach Tim Brown would become the new baseball coach. With Glen Johnson aboard as the new basketball coach and junior high football coach, it looks like the Tiger fans may need to attend this year's preseason cook-out just to know what coach is coaching what sport.

## Recall announced for children's fishing kits made by Shakespeare

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of product: Children's Fishing Kits  
Distributor: Shakespeare Fishing Tackle Division, of Columbia, S.C.  
Hazard: The paint on the rods of these fishing poles contains lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has not received any reports of complaints related to this product. This voluntary recall is being conducted to prevent any possibility of injury or illness.

Description: The recalled Shakespeare® brand fishing kits feature the following characters: TAZ® (Tazmanian Devil®), Tweety®, Mocha Lucha® and Spider-Man®. Other fishing kits feature Fishing Heroes™, sold with a silver-colored handle;

Kids Kist™, sold with tackle boxes; and Shark™ and Dolphin™ Kits, which have reels in the shape of a shark or dolphin. The fishing kits have brightly colored red and yellow fishing rods, and "Shakespeare" is written on the reels. Fishing kits with purple, blue and pink rods are not included in this recall.

Sold at: Discount department, sporting good and toy stores nationwide from August 2001 through June 2005 for between \$9 and \$13.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled fishing poles and contact Shakespeare Fishing Tackle for information on receiving a free replacement fishing kit.

Consumer Contact: For more information, call Shakespeare Fishing Tackle toll-free at (866) 466-0559 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at <http://www.shakespearefishing.com/recall>

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## Wins district tournament

## West Coffee earns state tourney berth

West Coffee bounced back from a second round loss to post two straight wins last week to claim the championship of the Dixie Pre-Majors District Baseball Tournament, in Opp, and in doing so punched its ticket into this weekend's State Tournament, to be held at Thomasville.

"We felt like we had a chance to win the tournament," stated Coach Robby Kinsaul, "and the players really showed a lot of determination by winning the final two games after falling into the loser's bracket. We stuck with what we had been doing all season and the players made it work. We know the competition will be stiff at the state tournament, but we are confident we can play with anybody when we play well, and we will play hard and see what happens."

Following are highlights of last week's district tournament games:

### WEST COFFEE 12 ENTERPRISE 2

West Coffee jumped out to a 10-0 third inning lead and never looked back to defeat Enterprise 12-2, in five innings.

Don Rhoades drew a lead-off walk and John Wayne Lambert was hit by a pitch to put West Coffee in business in the bottom of the first, while Stephen Driggers followed with a two-run triple to put the locals on top 2-0. Aaron Jacobs knocked in Driggers with a one-out single to up the West Coffee lead to 3-0, while Jacobs and Nathan Foster later scored on a walk and a sacrifice fly to give West Coffee a 5-0 lead after one inning of play.

West Coffee continued its early-inning outburst in the bottom of the second as it combined three walks with key hits by John Wayne Lambert, Nathan Foster and Chase Boutwell to up its lead to 8-0. A lead-off single by John Wayne Lambert and a walk to Stephen Driggers put West Coffee back in business in the third, and the locals upped their lead to 10-0 when Nathan Foster singled in Lambert and Chase Boutwell doubled to knock in Driggers.

Enterprise got on the scoreboard in the top of the fourth to cut the West Coffee lead to 10-1, but West Coffee added two runs in the bottom of the fourth behind the hitting of John Wayne Lambert and Shane Adkinson and then held on the fifth to hand Enterprise the 12-2 final score.

John Wayne Lambert had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead West Coffee, while Nathan Foster added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Don Rhoades and Stephen Driggers both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Shane Adkinson and Aaron Jacobs added 1 hit and scored 1 run, each. Zach Stevens pitched five innings to get the win on the mound and allowed two runs on five hits and one walk with six strike-outs.

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**DISTRICT CHAMPIONS...** Members of the West Coffee baseball team celebrate after winning the Dixie Pre-Majors Baseball Tournament last weekend in Opp. The team will compete next week at Thomasville at the state tournament.

(Submitted photo)

### WEST COFFEE 12 ENTERPRISE 2

West Coffee jumped out to a 10-0 third inning lead and never looked back to defeat Enterprise 12-2, in five innings.

Don Rhoades drew a lead-off walk and John Wayne Lambert was hit by a pitch to put West Coffee in business in the bottom of the first, while Stephen Driggers followed with a two-run triple to put the locals on top 2-0. Aaron Jacobs knocked in Driggers with a one-out single to up the West Coffee lead to 3-0, while Jacobs and Nathan Foster later scored on a walk and a sacrifice fly to give West Coffee a 5-0 lead after one inning of play.

West Coffee continued its early-inning outburst in the bottom of the second as it combined three walks with key hits by John Wayne Lambert, Nathan Foster and Chase Boutwell to up its lead to 8-0. A lead-off single by John Wayne Lambert and a walk to Stephen Driggers put West Coffee back in business in the third, and the locals upped their lead to 10-0 when Nathan Foster singled in Lambert and Chase Boutwell doubled to knock in Driggers.

Enterprise got on the scoreboard in the top of the fourth to cut the West Coffee lead to 10-1, but West Coffee added two runs in the bottom of the fourth behind the hitting of John Wayne Lambert and Shane Adkinson and then held on the fifth to hand Enterprise the 12-2 final score.

John Wayne Lambert had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead West Coffee, while Nathan Foster added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Don Rhoades and Stephen Driggers both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Shane Adkinson and Aaron Jacobs added 1 hit and scored 1 run, each. Zach Stevens pitched five innings to get the win on the mound and allowed two runs on five hits and one walk with six strike-outs.

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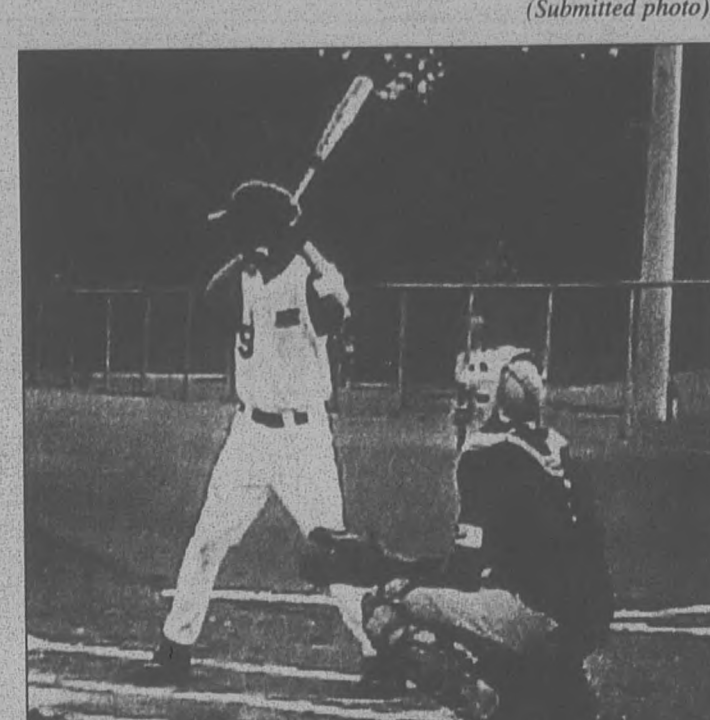
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**West Coffee lead-off hitter Don Rhoades reached base 11 times in 17 at-bats last week to help his team claim the district championship.**

(Submitted photo)

Opp combined one hit with one error to grab a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, while West Coffee pulled even at 1-1 in the third on consecutive singles by Stephen Driggers. Shane Adkinson and Nathan Foster. The score was still tied at 1-1 heading into the bottom of the fifth, but West Coffee broke loose on its fifth trip to the plate and scored six runs to open up a 7-1 advantage. Walks to Don Rhoades, Stephen Driggers and Shane Adkinson loaded the bases with one out, while Rhoades trotted home when Nathan Foster was hit by a pitch to give the locals a 2-1 lead. Chase Boutwell followed with a three-run double to up the West Coffee lead to 5-1, and Boutwell and Chase Perkins both later scored on a single by Casey Grantham as West Coffee moved ahead 7-1.

West Coffee added two insurance runs in the sixth on rbi singles by Shane Adkinson and Nathan Foster and easily held on in the seventh to post the 9-1 win and earn the state tournament berth.

Shane Adkinson had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead West Coffee at the plate, while Nathan Foster added 2 hits, scored 1 run and collected 3 rbi's. Stephen Driggers added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, while Chase Boutwell and Casey Grantham both added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Casey Grantham had 1 hit and knocked in two runs. Zach Stevens was the winning pitcher as he pitched seven innings and allowed one run on three hits and one walk, with five strike-outs.

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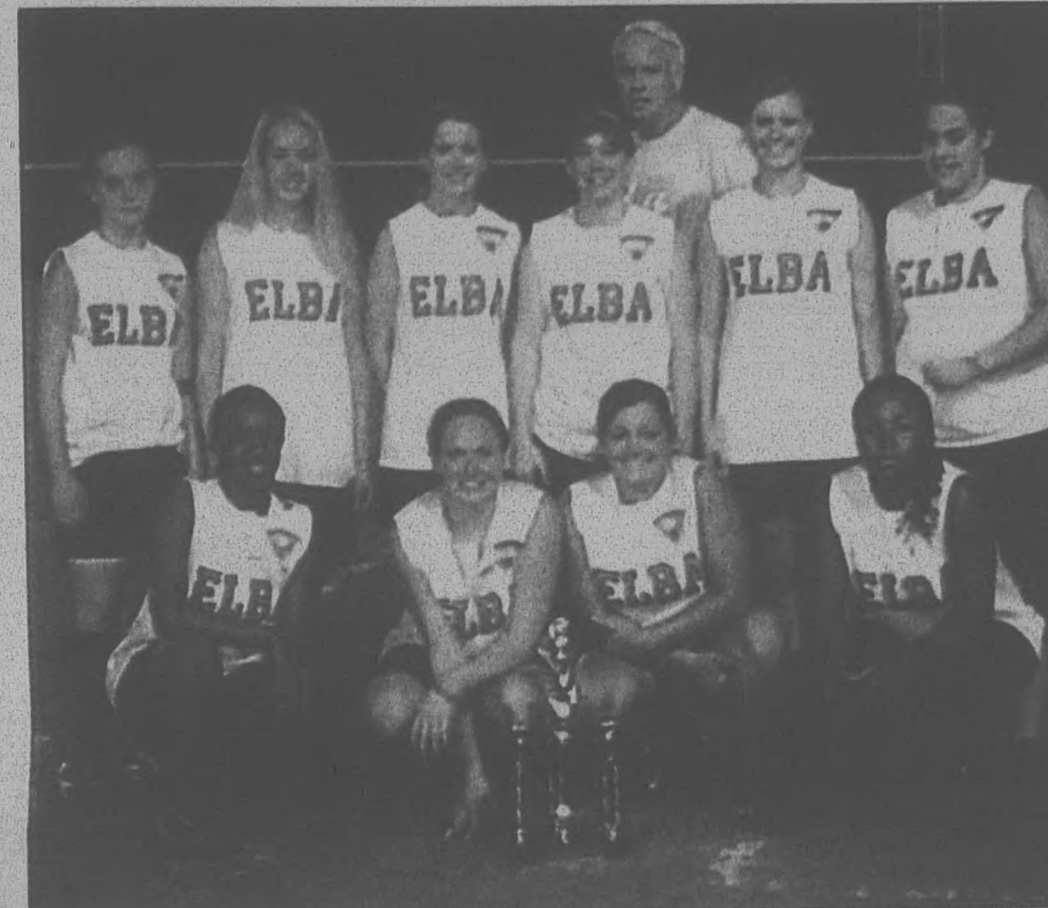
# SPORTS

## The Tournament Trail... Elba Stars bring home trophies



**DIXIE BOYS ALL-STARs...** The Elba 14-Year-Old Dixie Boys All-Stars rolled to five straight wins to bring home the championship trophy in the Dixie Boys Sub-District Baseball Tournament, in Luverne. The All-Stars began district play over the weekend and lost their tourney opener to Dothan 9-5. Details of district play next week.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)



**DIXIE DEBS ALL-STARs...** The Elba Dixie Debs All-Stars placed second last week at the Dixie Debs District Softball Tournament, in Troy. Pictured above are team members (kneeling, l-r) Valerie Hutcherson, Melanie Mularz, Courtney Grant, Ashley Carpenter, (standing, l-r) Rebecca Baer, Kayla Miller, Amanda Pope, Krystan Parker, Keri Hobbs and Summer Stricklin. Back row is coach Ricky Mularz.

## Let's Go...Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



## Tubing for bass

The invention of the plastic worm was not only an instant success within itself; it spawned many spin-offs that are also deadly fish catchers. One of these spin-off baits is the soft tube.

This hollow bodied bait with tentacles on its tail comes in a variety of lengths from the small panfish size to over six inches. Considered "finesse" baits by most anglers, they are worth try when all your favorite baits have left the live well empty. Their buoyancy and fluttering tentacles make it an excellent imitator of crawfish and baitfish that bass depend on for their food source.

Tube lures are excellent for fishing with a variety of riggings. Rugged Carolina style, the tube bait stays above the bottom as it dances along on a slow retrieve. This erratic motion duplicates an injured baitfish's death struggle. Since bass are opportunists who prefer catching injured prey to running down a healthy shad, the tube fills the bill.

They can be given more buoyancy by adding a sliver of cork or styrofoam into the hollow tube near the head. This gives the tube bait the appearance of a baitfish trying to surface.

Flipping is another highly popular way to fish a tube bait, especially when fishing heavy aquatic vegetation. The streamlined design of the tube bait allows it to penetrate the vegetation. Its buoyancy results in the slower

fall that triggers a big basses feeding instincts. Often bass hit a soft bait on its fall through the vegetation. The slow fall rate of a weedless rigged tube bait gives bass more time to zero in on their target.

Tube baits are also excellent for pitching and skipping. By design, they have no appendages protruding that will cause air resistance before it hits the water or reduce its skipping ability after hitting the water. I fished with one south Alabama angler who could skip a tube bait under overhanging limbs better than I could skip a flat river stone.

Another excellent method of using tube baits is to fish them on top. They can be dragged and skipped across lily pads and through other thick vegetation. The thick diameter of a tube worm lets an angler use a bigger hook because it has more area to hide the imbedded hook. When it comes to line size, most of us prefer as small a diameter line as we can get by with. Tubes really dance with eight or ten pound test line, but still retain good action in the weeds even when using line up to twenty-pound test.

Tubes can be deadly on small-mouth bass too. I've used tube baits with the hook exposed when fishing rocky bottom areas of the Tennessee River. Again, the design of the tube bait is an excellent imitator of the small-mouths favorite food, the crawfish.

A fence is the most effective control against deer damage. An 8-foot fence is generally sufficient to deter deer, and lower fences can work if they slant away from your yard. Tree protectors or shelters also prevent deer from browsing on young trees.

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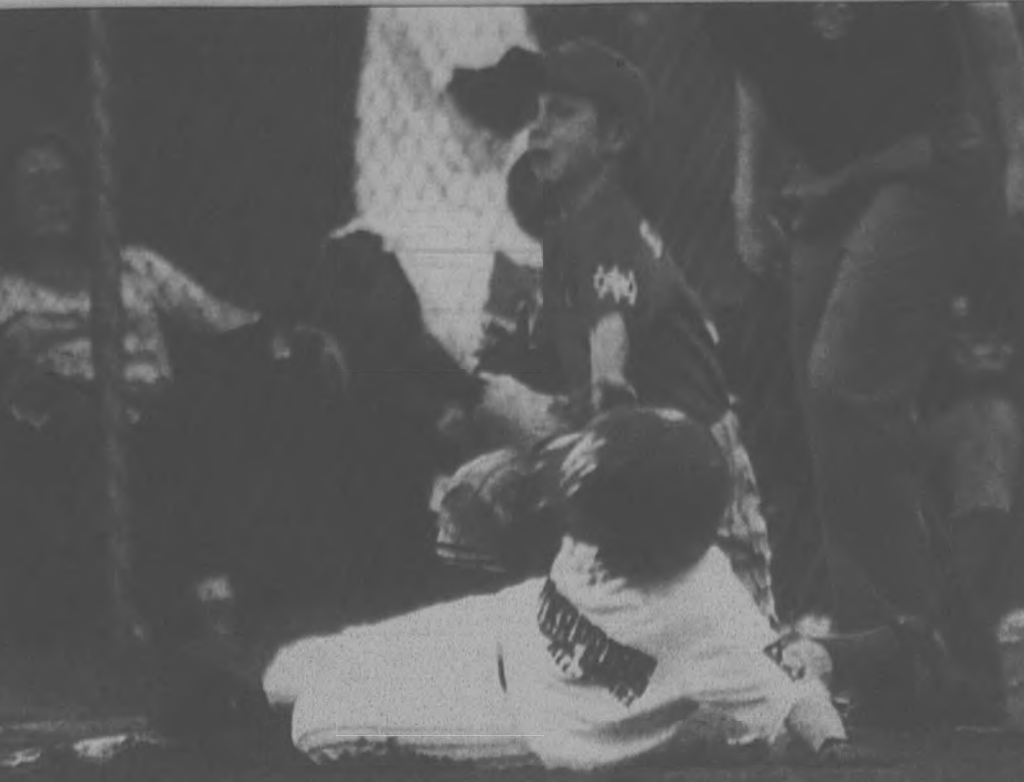
If you haven't tried tube baits, give them a try. There is just something about that fat body and wiggling tentacles that drive big bass crazy.

## Deer damage to ornamental plants and trees is a problem to home owners in city and rural areas

Deer damage to ornamental plants is increasingly a suburban problem. Deer populations in neighborhoods have increased rapidly due to abandoned farms, hunting restrictions and suburban sprawl. Deer are selective feeders that eat leaves from flowers, shrubs and ornamental trees. Damage to larger trees can extend up to 7 feet. Deer will eat almost any plant rather than starve, so damage control measures will be needed in addition to careful plant selection. Use of fencing and repellents can help control deer damage to landscape.

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**OUT AT THIRD...** A Zion Chapel third-baseman applies the tag to an Enterprise All-Star during action last week at the District Dixie Minor Baseball Tournament at Zion Chapel.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

## At District Tournament

## Zion Chapel battles Enterprise All-Stars

The Zion Chapel Dixie Minor Baseball League hosted the Dixie Minor District 9 Baseball Tournament last week on the campus of Zion Chapel High School and the Zion Chapel All-Stars battled hard in every inning before being eliminated after two losses.

Following are highlights of both games:

### ENTERPRISE NAT. 12 ZION CHAPEL 2

The Zion Chapel All-Stars opened the tournament last Tuesday night and dropped a 12-2 decision to the Enterprise Nationals. Enterprise took advantage of seven walks to grab an early 4-0 lead and upped its lead to 5-0 in the top of the second, only to see Zion Chapel get on the scoreboard in the bottom of the second on an rbi single by Brennan Schindler that knocked in Aron McCollough. The teams matched runs in the third inning, with Zion Chapel getting back on the board with a walk to Matthew Winters, a single by Kyle Flowers and an error of the bat of Ethan Lott. Zion Chapel stranded three base runners in the next two innings and failed to add to its run total. However, Enterprise took advantage of six walks and a hit to claim the 12-2 win.

Brennan Schindler and Kyle Flowers both had 1 hit to lead Zion Chapel, while Aaron McCollough and Matthew Winters scored one run, apiece.

### ENTERPRISE AM. 11 ZION CHAPEL 0

The Zion Chapel All-Stars head first into the Enterprise Americas in second round action and were no match as they dropped an 11-0 decision.

Zion Chapel All-Stars began their season with a 1-0 win over the Enterprise Americas in the first round of play. The team was eliminated after two losses.

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**A RUNNING CATCH...** A Zion Chapel infielder makes a running catch of a line drive during action last week at the Dixie Minor District Tournament.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

Zion Chapel threatened in the top of the first inning when Bo Collins singled with the fourth and had runners on first and third with no outs after a walk to Bo Collins and a single by Kyle Boswell, but Boswell was thrown at on a steal attempt at second and the All-Stars again failed to get on the scoreboard as they fell 11-0.



# COMMUNITY NEWS



**COMMUNITY GROWTH** was celebrated Friday, July 8, when a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the upcoming construction of the new S & B Food Mart and Restaurant that will be built at the intersection of Alabama Highway 87 and Alabama Highway 134 near the Damascus and Ino communities. The new 5,000 square foot facility will be home to a full service convenient store and restaurant. Store owner, Tim Sanders, said the restaurant should accommodate seating for approximately 100 people. Construction of the building was set to start sometime this week, depending on Hurricane Dennis, and Sanders said hopefully it will be completed by the first of October. Joining Sanders (holding the shovel) for the groundbreaking ceremony were family, friends, employees and representatives of The Peoples Bank of Coffee County.

## Applications for Miss C.C. Agriculture pageant available

Applications of Miss Coffee County Agriculture are now being taken. The deadline for these is July 18, 2005.

## New Brockton Methodist Church VBS to be held July 18-22

New Brockton Methodist Church is planning vacation bible school for Monday thru Friday July 18-22 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. All children are invited to attend.

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## AEC completes hurricane restoration efforts

By 6 p.m., Monday, July 11, Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC) personnel and contract crews had successfully restored power to substations in AEC's transmission system that sustained damage caused by Hurricane Dennis.

Tuesday morning, crews were repairing the final sections of damaged line, replacing power poles and restoring insulators. The basic infrastructure should be repaired and all contract crews released today, according to Larry Avery, AEC vice president, engineering and operations.

"We still have a few leaning trees and limbs that need to be trimmed or removed, but we expect to have that completed within the next seven to 10 days," says Avery.

"All the support was excellent during Hurricane Dennis and the restoration process," says Avery. "This operation was managed very well, and we'd like to thank everyone who dedicated their time and efforts."

"While AEC's transmission system sustained minor damage, we recognize this could have been much worse," says Cathryn Gibson, AEC manager, corporate communication. "Our employees were prepared to respond to conditions expected to be much worse when it became apparent the storm was a threat to our service area. Our employees are to be commended for their commitment to safety and for their impressive response to restore power to our transmission system as quickly as possible."

The majority of AEC's outages occurred in Clarke County, Ala.; Escambia County, Ala.; Conecuh River in Alabama; the Escambia County, Fla.; and Washington County, Ala. Approximately 100 AEC personnel and contract crew workers were dispatched for system

restoration efforts. A Touchstone Energy® cooperative, Alabama Electric Cooperative is a \$1 billion generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Andalusia, Ala. AEC's generating facilities include the James A. Vann Jr. Power Plant in Gantt, Ala.; the Charles R. Lowman Power Plant in Leroy, Ala.; the Maury A. McWilliams Steam Power Plant in Gantt, Ala.; the McIntosh Plant in McIntosh, Ala.; the Gantt and Point A hydroelectric plants on the Conecuh River in Alabama; the Portland Gas Turbine in Walton County, Fla.; and an ownership interest in the James H. Miller Electric Generating Plant in Birmingham, Ala.

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After leaving T.R. Miller,

the Elba Fire Department responded to the scene of a house fire at 339 Brunson Circle last Thursday, July 7, shortly after 7:30 p.m. The firemen were able to control the fire before any flames reached outside the structure; however, the home was filled with smoke. Also responding to the scene were members of the Elba Police Department and Coffee County EMS.

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by Linda Hodge, Editor

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Coach Wood spent the last 18 years of his life at Elba High School, and to his 1988 and 1992 teams, he led the Elba Tigers to two state championships. He also led the 1988 team to the 1988 state championship game where they were defeated by the state champion team.

Coach Wood was named Elba's Coach of the Year in 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005. He was also named Elba's Coach of the Year in 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

Coach Wood's winning tradition at Elba High School was recognized last October when he was honored by the City of Elba as the football field at Tiger Stadium was named "Mack Wood Field."

Wood's overall coaching record was 214-89-4. Those close to Coach Wood have said he credited much of his success to a strong belief in the work ethic which dates back to his days as a farm boy in Butler County. However, others sum his football philosophy up to the words on a plaque that

used to hang in the Elba Tiger locker room. "Be the best you can be - today!"

Coach Wood inherited an Elba football program in 1977 that had suffered through a series of losing seasons. Promising nothing more than teams that would be prepared and would give 110 percent every minute of every game, he quickly turned the program into one of the winningest in the state.

Wood's promise held especially true with the 1989 state championship team as the players went undefeated on the home turf that year, scored 399 points, gave up only 130 points and scored their playoff opponents 120-17.

Since his retirement from coaching, Wood enjoyed playing golf at the Enterprise Country Club.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 21 (TODAY), from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba at 10:30 a.m. The service will be officiated by Rev. Marshall Crenshaw, who was a member of Wood's 1969 state championship team at T.R. Miller High School.

Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. in the Ebenezer Methodist Church Cemetery, Pigeon Creek, Ala. (near Greenville).

Please see the obituary section on Page 3 for additional information.

## After returning to work for Elba PD as School Resource Officer

## Officer Dean Blair feels a sense of "coming home"

by Linda Hodge, Editor

If the dictionary had a picture example of a school resource officer, Elba City Schools Superintendent Danny Weeks said it should be a picture of Dean Blair.

"Officer Blair is the 'dean' of school resource officers," Weeks said. "He has the personality and ability to reach the students. With him, the students have someone they respect and can talk with."

Officer Blair served as the D.A.R.E./School Resource Officer for the Elba Police Department and Elba City Schools for several years before leaving to spend approximately a year and a half working for the state.

After what Blair called a lot of prayers and prayer answering, he found himself returning recently to resume his old position. "I'm here because this is where God wants me to be,"

said Blair. "I truly believe this."

A lifelong resident of Elba, Blair said he loves his town and its people. He describes his return to the police department as the D.A.R.E./School Resource Officer as a sense of "coming home."

Blair said he takes his job as the school resource officer very seriously because his heart is up there at the school with the students. He said it is his goal to make the Elba City School System the safest, most secure drug-free place for the students to get an education.

Being a parent, Blair said he understands the importance for a parent to have the security in knowing his/her child is safe while at school.

"We're here to educate students, but we're also here to make sure they are safe," Weeks said. "I think the people of the community feel comfortable with Officer Blair because they know he has the best interest of the students in mind."

Blair said he doesn't view himself as being at the school for enforcement. Instead, he

said he tries to be a role model for the students. "I'm there to support the students and let them know there's someone out there who cares," he said. "It's my goal to keep them (students) out of trouble. I'm a firm believer if you can keep something from happening, do it."

Weeks said having Officer Blair at the schools is almost like having another administrator. He said the close working relationship Blair has with the school and community helps

ward off trouble.

"Our relationship with the police department is very positive," Weeks said. "The department helps us with a lot of things. This is a service they provide our school system, and I don't have the words to describe what it means and how helpful it is to us."

Blair said he loves the working relationship the police department has with the school system. He said they have great communication and a great relationship that not only helps the teachers, but it spills out into the community.

"Our school is one of the biggest pluses we have here in Elba," Blair said. "We want what's best for our children."

While the D.A.R.E. program continues to be a successful program at Elba, both Blair and Weeks said they are looking to expand the school resource program.

A new program to be implemented is the "Too Good for Drugs" program that Weeks said is a scientific-research based program. Officer Blair said he is also interested in getting something going at the high school level possibly the ninth grade.

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FROM THE ELBA CLIPPER FILES...Coach Mack Wood is shown above surrounded by his players and fans while being interviewed by the media following a big win during the 1992 state championship season. This particular win came during the semi-final round of the state playoffs when the Elba Tigers beat Asheville 21-14. Coincidentally, it also was the final regular season or playoff game held at Elba's Miller Memorial Stadium. The following week, the Elba Tigers defeated Lamar County to become the 1992 Class 3A State Champions.

## New Brockton Town Council holds brief meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held a brief meeting

Monday evening, July 11, with council members taking time to thank the town employees for their work during the stormy weather recently caused by Hurricane Dennis.

Mayor Charles Cole thanked the police and street department employees for making themselves available during the storm.

Luckily, he said the town did not have much damage to speak of as a result of the storm.

Cole was joined by council members in thanking the employees for the "good job" they have been doing.

"When a person does a good job, you need to tell and encourage them," council member Johnnie Herron said. "Our employees seem to be doing a good job, and we thank them."

In an update regarding the town's housing rehabilitation project, Cole said, as of July 11, 11 houses had been completed, eight were being worked on and several others were waiting on approval.

He said so far no major complaints had been reported from the project as the work crews seem to be doing a good job pleasing to the homeowners.

Council members approved a resolution to reject bids for the downtown sidewalk paving project and readvertise the project. Mayor Cole said the bid received for the project was too high.

Council members also approved a resolution to enter into agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for a grant regarding drainage improvements on Tyler Street.

Assistant police chief Dale Grimes presented the monthly report from the police department.

During the month of June, Grimes said officers with the department wrote one driving under the influence citation, 15 speeding citations, two no dri-

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ATTORNEY GENERAL TROY KING was the guest speaker at the Elba Rotary Club on July 12th. He addressed a number of issues his office has faced during his first years in office.

The new Alabama Open Meetings Law is something he is especially proud of having openly supported. His approach to public officials was that if they had nothing to hide, they should embrace this new law as a way of assuring the public of their honesty. Of special interest to Coffee County citizens was his statement that he "would not rest until Billy Joe Magwood gets his just punishment." Magwood has been on Alabama's death row for years for the 1979 killing of Sheriff Neil Grantham. Appeals keep delaying the carrying out of his death sentence.

King was critical of the recent Ten Commandments decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. He said it is "confusing."

He also defended the filing of briefs in out of state law cases, noting that decisions in those cases could have a direct impact on Alabama laws. King also defended his crack down on illegal gambling.

Pictured above from left are: Rotary president Josh Wilson, King, Kaye Whitworth, whose program this was and Mickey Murdock who introduced Elba native and AG Troy King.

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